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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Docket: SOLK-100

Applicant : Sol KATZEN

Art Unit: 1651

Serial No. : 10/647,305

Examiner: Randall O. Winston

Filed : 08/26/2003

Title : PROCESS FOR TREATING SEA ALGAE AND  
HALOPHYTIC PLANTS

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 28, 2006, the following is  
submitted.

Restriction to one of the following inventions has been required under 35  
U.S.C. 121.

The Office Action stated that, for claims 1 to 20, applicant is required under  
35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to  
which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be  
allowable.

The Office Action stated that the claimed species are:

(a) sea algae and (b) halophytes.

The Office Action stated that applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to  
elect a single disclosed species from (a) and (b) for prosecution on the merits to

which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicant elects the halophytes species.

The Office Action stated that, upon the allowance of a generic claims, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which a written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141; and that, if claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species.

Applicant believes that Claims 1 to 20 are readable on the elected species, i.e., halophytes.

The Office Action stated that applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be completed must include an election of invention to be examined even though the requirements be traversed (37 CFR 1.143). Applicant elects the halophytes species.

Respectfully submitted,

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